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17 Mile Wildlife Tour

Description

Follow the map on this self-guided wildlife tour. Travel time is less than 30 minutes, but you'll want to allow yourself time to observe the wildlife.

Long Description

This tour is the best if you follow it in April or May because of the number of animals and birds you will see. The brochure leads you through the tour with exact mileage, and it tells you what you can expect to see and where. There are at least 12 different kinds of birds and 9 different kinds of animals that can be seen on this tour. They are all noted in the brochure with their names and pictures.

Location

It starts in downtown Benson, MN and ends back in downtown Benson, MN.

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 to Benson; turn right on MN-29; this will bring you to downtown/ From Benson: follow MN-29 into downtown/ From Glenwood: follow MN-29 to Benson and into downtown

Township: Benson

County: Swift

Established: 2004

History

This tour was developed in 2004 for the Benson Area Chamber of Commerce.

Important Events

Complementary Assets

Contact Information

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Chippewa Valley Bison

Description

The bison are raised on natural hay and grain. They are not given any medicated feed, antibiotics or hormones for growth.

Long Description

Chippewa Valley Bison raises 100 to 120 animals. They are licensed to sell meat from their home on a retail basis. They have all cuts on hand for sale. Their animals are butchered at Hancock Quality Meats. Prices are available upon request.

Location

215 80th St. NE Benson

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 towards Hancock; turn left on 60th St.; turn left on MN-29; turn right on 80th St. NE/ From Benson: go north on MN-29; turn right on 80th St. NE/ From Glenwood: follow MN-29 past Starbuck to 80th St. NE

Township: Benson

County: Swift

Established: 2003

History

Important Events

The Hansons have been active in the Minnesota Buffalo Association for 10 years. Dave has served on the board of directors for several years. They have received Grand Champion and gold trophy awards at the Minnesota Buffalo Association Show and Sale for the quality of their animals. They are also members of the National Buffalo Association.

Complementary Assets

Contact Information

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Website:

East & West Zion Lutheran Parish

Description

This parish offers church services, spiritual advice, and bible study.

Long Description

This parish offers traditional Lutheran services as well as contemporary services. It also offers culture in the country once per quarter. This event focuses on local culture and music associated with such cultures. West Zion Church has a lift, and the parish plans to put in a Labrynth in summer 2005.

Location

Parsonage: 32150 290th St. Hancock, MN 56244/West Zion Church: 29050 357th Ave. Hancock, MN 56244/East Zion Church: 28745 Co. Rd. 10 Starbuck, MN 56381

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 to Hancock; turn left on CR-8; CR-8 becomes CR-2; turn left on MN-29; turn right on CR-10 From Benson: follow MN-29 towards Starbuck; turn right on CR-10 From Glenwood: follow MN-29 through Starbuck; turn left on CR-10

Township: Langhei

County: Pope

Established: East Zion Church: 1920/West Zion Church: 1949/Parsonage:1917

History

East Zion Church is a unique brick sanctuary. It's size and structure is similar to a city church. West Zion church was built using wood from the previous church. In the early years, church members were married in the parsonage rather than the church.

Important Events

East Zion Church has an annual Klub supper the last weekend in February. West Zion Church has an annual Chicken dinner the first Saturday in October. The chickens are donated by local farmers.

Complementary Assets

Contact Information

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Glacial Lakes State Park

Description

This park preserves 2423 acres of high quality prairie, hardwood forests, dramatic glacial topography, and crystal clear spring fed lakes.

Long Description

This park has 38 modern campsites, a camper cabin, walk in and backpack campsites, two picnic areas, horse camping, and trails for hiking, cross country skiing, and snow shoeing. The park is open year round and rusting winter camping is available. An annual permit is \$25, and a day permit is \$7. More information can be found on the website or at the park office.



Location

20222 Co. Rd. 41 Starbuck, MN 56381

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-28 to Starbuck; turn right on MN-29; turn left on County Road 41/From Benson: follow MN-29; turn right on Twp Hwy. T-50; turn left on Twp Hwy T-208; continue on County Road 41/From Glenwood: follow MN-29; turn left on County Road 41

Township: Blue Mounds
County: Pope
Established: 1963

History

Glacial Lakes State Park was established in 1963 to preserve the native prairie lands, flora, and fauna.

Important Events

Minnesota State Parks offer many events. More information can be found on the website or through the park office.

Complementary Assets

Minnewaska Kayaks

Contact Information

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Website: www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/glacial_lakes/index.html

Honey and Herbs

Description

Honey and Herbs offers honey, medicinal and culinary herbs, and products made from earth materials.

Long Description

Honey and Herbs produces, harvests, packages, and distributes raw honey and medicinal and culinary herbs. An apple orchard of 30 trees produces a variety of apples including Connell Red, Harelson, and Honey Crisp, among others. All of their produce is grown using only sustainable methods. Crafts from the earth such as beeswax candles, old-fashioned lye soap, and pinecone firestarters are other offerings sold.

Location

155 60th St. NW Benson, MN 56215

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 to Clontarf; turn right on County Road 22/ From Benson: follow MN-29 north; turn left on County Road 22/ From Glenwood: follow US-12 towards DeGraff; turn right on 4th St. which becomes 70th Ave. S; turn right on 60th St. NW

Township: Benson

County: Swift

Established: Business established in 1995/ Area residents since 1992

History

The Neelys designed and built their home and their business with their own four hands.

Important Events

Honey and Herbs was featured on Milwaukee Public Television on July 10th, 2004 and Prairie Yard and Garden on January 24th, 2002.

Complementary Assets

Contact Information

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Hutch's Outpost

Description

Hutch's Outpost is 80 acres of land on the Chippewa River developed for wildlife and recreation. It is connected with numerous acres of similar land owned by the state and other local residents.

Long Description

Hutch's Outpost is a treasure of outdoor activity. There is camping, canoeing, nature trails, and history. John also restores old canoes and gives canoe instruction. He is an expert hunter, mainly in primitive weapons. He has a shooting range, axe throwing area, and a gunshop.

Location

206 30th St. SW Benson, MN 56215

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 to Benson; turn right on MN-29; bear left to follow MN-29; turn right on 30th St. SW/ From Benson: follow MN 29 south; turn right on 30th St. SW/ From Glenwood: follow MN-29 through Starbuck; turn right on 30th St. SW

Township: Six Mile Grove

County: Swift

Established: 1970

History

Along with the DNR and others along the way, John and Sandy Hutchinson have built an elaborate wilderness area for wildlife and people alike.

Important Events

Complementary Assets

Chippewa River is a state canoe route. There is a canoe launch on the property.

Contact Information

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Leafy Lane Farm

Description

Leafy Lane breeds alpacas.

Long Description

In the future, the Letholas plan to sell alpacas, fleece, and finished products.

Location

27066 Co. Rd. 10 Starbuck, MN 56381



Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 towards Hancock; turn left on CR-8; CR-8 becomes CR-2; turn left on MN-29; turn right on CR-10/ From Benson: go north on MN-29; turn right on CR-10/ From Glenwood: follow MN-104 south; continue on CR-19; turn right on CR-10

Township: Rolling Forks

County: Pope

Established: Business established in 2003/ Area residents since 1994

History

The house was built in 1898.

Important Events

There is a planned farm open house. The date has not yet been set.

Complementary Assets

Contact Information

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Lillehaugen Inn Bed and Breakfast

Description

The Lillehaugen inn is an excellent place to relax and rejuvenate both body and spirit. Rooms are available year round.

Long Description

A full breakfast is offered, and evening meals are available upon request. A sauna is available and arrangements can be made for therapeutic massages. You can also enjoy the quiet reading room. There are nearby snowmobile and cross country skiing trails. A couple canoes are also available on site.

Location

440 70th St. NE Benson, MN 56215

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 towards Hancock; turn left on CR-8; CR-8 becomes CR-2; turn right on MN-29; continue on CR-26; bear right on 60th Ave. NE; continue on CR-27; bear right on 70th St. NE/ From Glenwood: follow MN-29; continue on CR-26; bear right on 60th Ave. NE; continue on CR-27; bear right on 70th St. NE/ From Benson: north on MN-29; turn right on county highway 26; turn left on 70th St. NE

Township: Benson

County: Swift

Established: 1998

History

This homestead has been in the family for generations. The actual house was built in 1897.

Important Events

Lillehaugen Inn is the site for Benson Kid Day and the Lake Hazel Church Reunion.

Complementary Assets

There are nearby golf courses, as well as antiquing, walking, biking, fishing, and swimming.

Contact Information

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Minnewaska Kayaks Rental

Description

Minnewaska Kayaks rents lake kayaks and all the necessities.

Long Description

Kayaks can be rented for \$10 per hour for a 1-seater and \$15 per hour for a 2-seater. Rentals come with the kayak, lifejacket, and instruction.

Location

They will travel anywhere you want them to go. They are regularly set up at Glacial Lakes State Park Friday through Sunday 10am to 6pm. They are also available by appointment Monday through Thursday.

Directions

To Glacial Lakes State Park: From Morris: follow MN-28 to Starbuck; turn right on MN-29; turn left on County Road 41/ From Benson: follow MN-29; turn right on Twp Hwy. T-50; turn left on Twp Hwy T-208; continue on County Road 41/ From Glenwood: follow MN-29; turn left on County Road 41

Township: Blue Mounds

County: Pope

Established: 2003

History

Important Events

Complementary Assets

Glacial Lakes State Park

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Prairie Horizons Farm and Eggsquisite Eggs from Happy Hens



Description

Luverne and Mary Jo Forbord own and operate Prairie Horizons as a sustainable farm. Eggsquisite Eggs is managed by the Forbord's son Jaiden.

Long Description

Prairie Horizons Farm is dedicated to selling the highest quality, most nutritious food. They sell 100% grass-fed miniature angus beef by the whole, half, and quarter. They are currently transitioning to organic

farming. Jaiden's hens are fed flax to increase Omega-3 content. The Forbords also select, establish and manage native prairie plants on their land. They give tours of both their farm and their native prairie lands.

Location

29731 302nd St. Starbuck, MN 56381

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-28 to Starbuck; turn right on MN-29; turn left on 302 St./ From Benson: follow MN-29 toward Starbuck; turn right on 302 St./ From Glenwood: follow MN-29 through Starbuck; turn left on 302 St.

Township: Langhei

County: Pope

Established: 1872

History

The property has been in their family for some generations.



Important Events

GrazeFest Minnesota, August 13, 2005 at Prairie Horizons Farm

Burma Road Parade Summer of 2006

Complementary Assets

The Forbords care for approximately 100 acres of native prairie on their farm.

Mary Jo has collected a detailed history of the immediate local area, East Zion Church and Langhei Township settlement.

Contact Information

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Quiet Country Living Bed and Breakfast

Description

This bed and breakfast is a quiet place to get away from it all. Rooms are available year round.

Long Description

Quiet Country Living is a completely remodeled, turn of the century farmhouse. It has 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a patio, and a couple porches. The property is 9 acres and has a pond and a meandering creek with a bridge. There is also a large social center in the house. Camping is available, as well as sand volleyball, horseshoes, fooseball, bumper pool, and a bonfire pit.

Location

340th St. Benson, MN 56215

Directions

From Morris: follow MN-9 towards Benson; turn left on T-1; turn left of CR-71; turn right on T-12; turn right on T-235; turn left on 340th St./ From Benson: follow MN-29 north; turn left on 340th St./ From Glenwood: follow MN-29 south; turn rith on 340th St.

Township: Langhei

County: Pope

Established: Bed and Breakfast opened in 2002/Area residents since 1967

History

Important Events

Complementary Assets

Nearby golf course, snowmobile trails, and numerous lakes

Contact Information

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Swift County RDA

Description

economic development

Long Description

Location

301 14th St. N Benson, MN 56215

Directions

Township: Benson

County: Swift

Established: 1988

History

Important Events

Complementary Assets

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Eric's Motorsports

